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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated December 11, 2001 Please amend the claims as indicated below. All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the currently pending claims 3, 5, 7-13, 19-22, 24-26, 28-31, and 34-36 with the amended claim 3, 5, 7-13, 19-22, 24-26, 28-31, and 34-36, which are set forth below. Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice. (Appendix A, which is enclosed herewith, shows how the currently pending claims 3, 5, 7-13, 19-22, 24-26, 28-31, and 34-36 were amended.)

3. (Amended) The electrostatic discharge protection circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein said electrostatic discharge protection circuit further comprises a fourth doping region having said first conductivity type, disposed at the surface of said substrate near said well region, electrically coupled to said reference potential, for forming an ohmic connection at said

